

## REMARKS

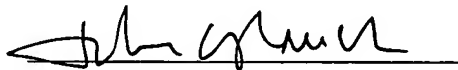
Claims 1-5 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5 in light of the amendments and arguments herein are respectfully requested.

### Obviousness-type double patenting rejection

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. patent number 6,023,500. Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer to obviate this double patenting rejection. This amendment to the application is submitted solely to expedite allowance of the application and not for any reason related to patentability. Withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



John G. Rauch  
Registration No. 37,218  
Attorney for Applicant

November 24, 2004  
BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE  
P.O. BOX 10395  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610  
(312) 321-4200